

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1992

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
THEODORE S. CHANDLER, DIRECTOR

FROM: THOMAS O'MALLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
MARIA FARIA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56:
FINAL DESIGNATION AS REDEVELOPER OF PARCEL P-6A, BOUNDED
BY 500-510 TREMONT STREET, 1-67 EAST BERKELEY STREET AND
211-217 SHAWMUT AVENUE

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests the final designation of the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc. (Land Trust) as redeveloper of Parcel P-6A for the purpose of continuing use of the site as community open space.

Parcel P-6A known as the Berkeley Street Community Garden site consists of about 47,516 square feet of vacant land. It is currently being used by the neighborhood as a community garden. This site is bounded by 500-510 Tremont Street, 1-67 East Berkeley Street and 211-217 Shawmut Avenue.

On July 18, 1991, the BRA authorized the advertisement of a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the ownership, management, maintenance and control of Parcel P-6A as open space for community use. The only proposal received in response to the RFP was from the Land Trust.

The proposal calls for the Land Trust to provide long-term ownership of the Berkeley Street Community Garden through its subsidiary/affiliate, the Berkeley Street Garden Association ("Garden Association"). The Garden Association will oversee its continuing management and operation as a community garden and open space area.

In April 1990 the Land Trust, a community-based nonprofit corporation, was incorporated for the purpose of creating, acquiring, preserving, managing and sustaining neighborhood open spaces and community gardens in the South End and Lower Roxbury. Subsequently, in July 1991, the BRA conveyed to the Land Trust six community gardens and two mini-parks in the South End and Lower Roxbury to be maintained as permanent open space for the benefit of the community. Now the Land Trust has submitted a proposal to acquire and improve the Berkeley Garden as open space.

The garden group comprises gardeners speaking six Chinese dialects, Vietnamese, and Cambodian, many of whom live across the street in Castle Square. In an effort to make substantial improvements to the site, the gardeners have received a Grassroots Grant of \$70,000 from Public Facilities' CDBG funds to carry out the first phase of a two phase improvement program. This began the serious efforts to renovate and upgrade the garden to a functioning and viable open space. The first phase has been completed. Under Phase II \$85,000 has been committed in CDBG funds. Current improvements are underway to make East Berkeley Gardens a vibrant greenspace for community use.

Boston Urban Gardeners at the Community Farm ("BUG") will serve as the contractor for the proposed improvements. BUG is a nonprofit organization which provides technical assistance to community gardeners. Under this proposal, BUG will manage the second phase of the site improvement activities. The community gardeners have received support from neighborhood associations and organizations namely Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Ellis Neighborhood Association, Shawmut Avenue Neighborhood Association and Castle Square Tenants Organization Inc.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Land Trust receive Final Designation as redeveloper of Parcel P-6A for the purpose of continuing use of the site as community open space.

Appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the BRA hereby adopts the resolution entitled "Resolution of the Boston Redevelopment Authority", RE: Final Designation of Redeveloper of Parcel P-6A, bounded by 500-510 Tremont Street, 1-67 East Berkeley Street and 211-217 Shawmut Avenue in the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER OF DISPOSITION PARCEL P-6A
IN THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS R-56

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"), has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title 1 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance in the hereinafter identified Project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass R-56, (hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area"), has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, State and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with the Federal financial assistance under said Title 1, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national original; and

WHEREAS, the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc. has expressed an interest in and has submitted a satisfactory proposal for the development of Disposition Parcel P-6A in the South End Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc. and hereby is finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel P-6A the South End Urban Renewal Area.
2. That it is hereby determined that South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc. possesses the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and develop land in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan and the Project Area.
3. That disposal of said parcels by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.

5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to the environment and further, that all practicable feasible means and measures have been taken to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.

6. That the Director is hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement and Deed conveying Parcel P-6A to South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust Inc., said documents to be in the Boston Redevelopment Authority's usual form.

7. That the developer be, and hereby is, authorized to petition the Board of Appeals for any zoning changes that may be necessary to complete the proposed development.

8. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed disposal transaction in accordance with Section 105(E) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including information with respect to the "Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure: (Federal Form H-6004).

TREMONT

STREET

EAST BERKELEY

ALLEY

DWIGHT

MILFORD

STREET

STREET

STREET

SHAWMUT

AVE.

STREET

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS
EL. SCHOOL
2080'

HANSON

BOND

STREET

COURT

BRIGGS

MEDFORD

COURT

HANSON

BOND

STREET

COURT

BRIGGS

MEDFORD

COURT

ATTACHMENT A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PART I. REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Form HUD-1087
OMB No. 25-0087

A. REDEVELOPER AND LAND

1. a. Name of Redeveloper: South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc.
- b. Address and ZIP Code of Redeveloper: P.O. Box 180923, Boston, MA 02118
- c. IRS Number of Redeveloper: EIN 042610775

2. The land on which the Redeveloper proposes to enter into a contract for, or understanding with respect to, the purchase or lease of land from Boston Redevelopment Authority

(Name of Local Public Agency)

is South End/Lower Roxbury

(Name of Urban Renewal or Redevelopment Project Area)

is the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts

is described as follows:

Parcel P-6A: Located along East Berkeley St. between Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue

3. If the Redeveloper is not an individual doing business under his own name, the Redeveloper has the status indicated below and is organized or operating under the laws of Massachusetts

- ☐ A corporation.
- ☒ A nonprofit or charitable institution or corporation.
- ☐ A partnership known as
- ☐ A business association or a joint venture known as
- ☐ A Federal, State, or local government or instrumentality thereof.
- ☐ Other (explain)

4. If the Redeveloper is not an individual or a government agency or instrumentality, give date of organization: June 4, 1990

5. Names, addresses, title of position (if any), and nature and extent of the interest of the officers and principal members, shareholders, and investors of the Redeveloper, other than a government agency or instrumentality, are set forth as follows: N/A

If space on this form is inadequate for any requested information, it should be furnished on an attached page which is referred to under the appropriate numbered item on the form.
Any convenient means of identifying the land (such as block and lot numbers or street boundaries) is sufficient. A description by metes and bounds or other technical description is acceptable, but not required.

PART I - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Continued)

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- a. If the Redeveloper is a corporation, the officers, directors or trustees, and each stockholder owning more than 10% of any class of stock.
- b. If the Redeveloper is a nonprofit or charitable institution or corporation, the members who constitute the board of trustees or board of directors or similar governing body.
- c. If the Redeveloper is a partnership, each partner, whether a general or limited partner, and either the percent of interest or a description of the character and extent of interest.
- d. If the Redeveloper is a business association or a joint venture, each participant and either the percent of interest or a description of the character and extent of interest.
- e. If the Redeveloper is some other entity, the officers, the members of the governing body, and each person having an interest of more than 10%.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE

POSITION TITLE (if any) AND PERCENT OF INTEREST OR
DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF INTEREST

See Exhibit A

6. Name, address, and nature and extent of interest of each person or entity (not named in response to Item 5) who has a beneficial interest in any of the shareholders or investors named in response to Item 5 which gives such person or entity more than a computed 10% interest in the Redeveloper (for example, more than 20% of the stock in a corporation which holds 50% of the stock of the Redeveloper; or more than 50% of the stock in a corporation which holds 20% of the stock of the Redeveloper):

NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE

DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF INTEREST

N/A

7. Names (if not given above) of officers and directors or trustees of any corporation or firm listed under Item 5 or Item 6 above:

N/A

B. RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION

(The Redeveloper is to furnish the following information, but only if land is to be redeveloped or rehabilitated in whole or in part for residential purposes.)

If a corporation is required to file periodic reports with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, so state under this Item 5. In such case, the information referred to in this Item 5 and in Items 6 and 7 is not required to be furnished.

PART I. REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Continued)

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1. State the Redeveloper's estimates, exclusive of payment for the land, for:

- a. Total cost of any residential redevelopment. \$ N/A
- b. Cost per dwelling unit of any residential redevelopment. \$ "
- c. Total cost of any residential rehabilitation \$ "
- d. Cost per dwelling unit of any residential rehabilitation \$ "

2. a. State the Redeveloper's estimate of the average monthly rental (if to be rented) or average sale price (if to be sold) for each type and size of dwelling unit involved in such redevelopment or rehabilitation:

TYPE AND SIZE OF DWELLING UNIT	ESTIMATED AVERAGE MONTHLY RENTAL	ESTIMATED AVERAGE SALE PRICE
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N/A

b. State the utilities and parking facilities, if any, included in the foregoing estimates of rentals:

N/A

c. State equipment, such as refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, if any, included in the foregoing estimates of sales prices:

CERTIFICATION

I (We), Elizabeth G. Johnson
certify that this Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.²

Dated: September 8, 1991

Dated: _____

Elizabeth G. Johnson
Signature

Signature

President, South End/Lower
Roxbury Urban Space Land Trust, Inc.

Title

11 1/2 Greenwich PK, Boston, MA 02118
Address and ZIP Code

Address and ZIP Code

¹ If the Redeveloper is an individual, this statement should be signed by such individual; if a partnership, by one of the partners; if a corporation or other entity, by one of its chief officers having knowledge of the facts required by this statement.
² Penalty for False Certification: Section 1001, Title 18, of the U.S. Code, provides a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, for knowingly and willfully making or using any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of any Department of the United States.

PART II - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

For Confidential Official Use of the Local Public Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Do Not Transmit to HUD Unless Requested or Item 8b is Answered "Yes."

1. a. Name of Redeveloper: South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, Inc.

b. Address and ZIP Code of Redeveloper: P.O. Box 180923, Boston, MA 02118

2. The land on which the Redeveloper proposes to enter into a contract for, or understanding with respect to, the purchase or lease of land from

Boston Redevelopment Authority

(Name of Local Public Agency)

in South End/Lower Roxbury

(Name of Urban Renewal or Redevelopment Project Area)

in the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts

is described as follows:

Parcel P-6A: Located along East Berkeley St. between Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue

3. Is the Redeveloper a subsidiary of or affiliated with any other corporation or corporations or any other firm or firms?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If Yes, list each such corporation or firm by name and address, specify its relationship to the Redeveloper, and identify the officers and directors or trustees common to the Redeveloper and such other corporation or firm.

4. a. The financial condition of the Redeveloper, as of September 1, 1991, is as reflected in the attached financial statement.

(NOTE: Attach to this statement a certified financial statement showing the assets and the liabilities, including contingent liabilities, fully itemized in accordance with accepted accounting standards and based on a proper audit. If the date of the certified financial statement precedes the date of this submission by more than six months, also attach an interim balance sheet not more than 60 days old.)

b. Name and address of auditor or public accountant who performed the audit on which said financial statement is based:

N/A - To date organizational budget/treasury too limited.

5. If funds for the development of the land are to be obtained from sources other than the Redeveloper's own funds, a statement of the Redeveloper's plan for financing the acquisition and development of the land:

See Section II, B of the Proposal for an itemization of sources: Grassroots grants, in-kind Boston Urban Gardeners at the Community Farm match, Prudential Project Advisory Committee Community Benefit Fund, Trust for Public Land, Garden fees, and other operations and capital fund-raising.

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PART II - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Continued)

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6. Sources and amount of cash available to Redeveloper to meet equity requirements of the proposed undertaking:

a. In banks:

NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE OF BANK

Pioneer Financial Cooperative Bank
209 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116

AMOUNT

\$ 7,739.77

b. By loans from affiliated or associated corporations or firms:

NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE OF SOURCE

N/A

AMOUNT

\$

c. By sale of readily salable assets:

DESCRIPTION

N/A

MARKET VALUE

\$

MORTGAGES OR LIENS

\$

7. Names and addresses of bank references:

Pioneer Financial Cooperative Bank
209 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116

8. a. Has the Redeveloper or (if any) the parent corporation, or any subsidiary or affiliated corporation of the Redeveloper or said parent corporation, or any of the Redeveloper's officers or principal members, shareholders or investors, or other interested parties (as listed in the responses to Items 5, 6, and 7 of the Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure and referred to herein as "principals of the Redeveloper") been adjudged bankrupt, either voluntary or involuntary, within the past 10 years? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If Yes, give date, place, and under what name.

b. Has the Redeveloper or anyone referred to above as "principals of the Redeveloper" been indicted for or convicted of any felony within the past 10 years? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If Yes, give for each case (1) date, (2) charge, (3) place, (4) Court, and (5) action taken. Attach any explanation deemed necessary.

9. a. Undertakings, comparable to the proposed redevelopment work, which have been completed by the Redeveloper or any of the principals of the Redeveloper, including identification and brief description of each project and date of completion:

Conversion of vacant lot at Northampton Street by Harrison Ave. into a productive community garden (June 1991).

PART II - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Continued)

5. If the Redeveloper or any of the principals of the Redeveloper has ever been an employee, in a supervisory capacity, for construction contractor or builder on undertakings comparable to the proposed redevelopment work, name of such employee, name and address of employer, title of position, and brief description of work:

N/A

6. Other federally aided urban renewal projects under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, in which the Redeveloper or any of the principals of the Redeveloper is or has been the redeveloper, or a stockholder, officer, director or trustee, or partner of such a redeveloper:

N/A

7. If the Redeveloper or a parent corporation, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or a principal of the Redeveloper is to participate in the development of the land as a construction contractor or builder:

- a. Name and address of such contractor or builder:

N/A

- b. Has such contractor or builder within the last 10 years ever failed to qualify as a responsible bidder, refused to enter into a contract after an award has been made, or failed to complete a construction or development contract?

If Yes, explain:

☐ YES☐ NO

- c. Total amount of construction or development work performed by such contractor or builder during the last three years: \$ _____

General description of such work:

N/A

- d. Construction contracts or developments now being performed by such contractor or builder:

IDENTIFICATION OF
CONTRACT OR DEVELOPMENTLOCATIONAMOUNT

\$

DATE TO BE
COMPLETED

N/A

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REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Continued)

c. Outstanding construction-contract bids of such contractor or builder:

AWARDING AGENCY

AMOUNT

DATE OPENED

N/A

Brief statement respecting equipment, experience, financial capacity, and other resources available to such contractor or builder for the performance of the work involved in the redevelopment of the land, specifying particularly the qualifications of the personnel, the nature of the equipment, and the general experience of the contractor:

13. a. Does any member of the governing body of the Local Public Agency to which the accompanying bid or proposal is being made or any officer or employee of the Local Public Agency who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the carrying out of the project under which the land covered by the Redeveloper's proposal is being made available, have any direct or indirect personal interest in the Redeveloper or in the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the property upon the basis of such proposal? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If Yes, explain.

- b. Does any member of the governing body of the locality in which the Urban Renewal Area is situated or any other public official of the locality, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the carrying out of the project under which the land covered by the Redeveloper's proposal is being made available, have any direct or indirect personal interest in the Redeveloper or in the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the property upon the basis of such proposal? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If Yes, explain.

14. Statements and other evidence of the Redeveloper's qualifications and financial responsibility (other than the financial statement referred to in Item 14a) are attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof as follows:

CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth G. Johnson

certify that this Redeveloper's Statement of Qualifications and Financial Responsibility and the attached evidence of the Redeveloper's qualifications and financial responsibility, including financial statements, are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated: September 8, 1991

Dated: _____

Elizabeth G. Johnson
Signature

Signature

President, South End/Lower Roxbury
Open Space Land Trust, Inc.
11/2 Greenwith Park, Boston, MA 02118
Address and ZIP Code

Address and ZIP Code

1. If the Redeveloper is a corporation, this statement should be signed by the President and Secretary of the corporation; if an individual, by such individual; if a partnership, by one of the partners; if an entity not having a president and secretary, by one of its chief officers having knowledge of the financial status and qualifications of the Redeveloper.
2. Penalty for False Certification: Section 1001, Title 18, of the U.S. Code, provides a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, for knowingly and willfully making or using any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of any Department

Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

December 1, 1990

Mr. Stephen Coyle
Director
Boston Redevelopment Authority
9th Floor
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Coyle:

The Eight Streets Neighborhood Association in the South End wishes to inform you that at our November monthly meeting, held on November 28, 1990, voted in favor of keeping the Berkeley Street Community Gardens, BRA parcel P6A, 100% open space and to have that parcel added to the South End/Lower Roxbury Public Land Trust. The results of the vote were 24 in favor and 3 opposed, with no abstentions.

The key issues discussed prior to the vote were the need for open space in an area with a heavy concentration of family designed housing, the important economic benefits the food produced in the gardens provides many of our residents and the positive interaction this space creates between all the many groups that make up our neighborhood.

The Eight Street Neighborhood Association includes the area bounded by East Berkeley Street, Tremont Street, Waltham Street, and Shawmut Avenue.

Please feel free to contact us in the future regarding this matter or any other that may affect our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Peter Chin

Peter Chin
President, Eight Street Association

CC: Mayor Raymond Flynn
James Kelly, Boston City Council
James Kostaras, BRA
Julie Stone, Boston Urban Gardens
Executive Committee Berkeley Community Gardens

ELLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
Post Office Box 961, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117

Mr. Stephen Coyle, Director
Boston Redevelopment Authority
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

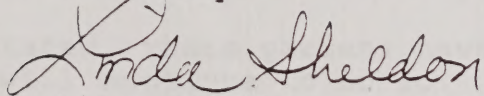
Dear Mr. Coyle: Re: Berkeley Community Gardens

In the interest of preserving open space in the City, Ellis Neighborhood Association unanimously approves maintaining Berkeley Community Gardens as they are, without erecting housing at either end.

For more than fifteen years, the Gardens have been a source of food for over one hundred families, provided outdoor activities for city residents, and with the improvements made this past summer, are now beginning to appear as a green island in the midst of the urban scene.

We hope that the Gardens will continue to be a benefit to the diverse ethnic neighborhood where they are located, and hope you will consider our preference in your planning efforts.

Sincerely,



Linda Sheldon, President
ELLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 25, 1990

cc: Mayor Ray Flynn
Lisa Chapnick, Public Facilities
Betsy Johnson, 11 1/2 Greenwich Park, Boston

SHAWMUT AVE. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

John deRedon • Diane Choueiri • Rolf Fuessler
President • Vice President • Treasurer

November 5, 1990

Mr. Stephen Coyle
Boston Redevelopment Authority
Boston City Hall
City Hall Plaza
Boston, Ma. 02201

RE: Berkeley Street Community Gardens

Dear Mr. Coyle:

Relative to the above, our Association recently met with members of the Garden Committee responsible for the 1000% improvements to these gardens.

All members present voted unanimously, that a request be made to designate this parcel 100% open space - for use as community gardens and to include this open space designation as permanent - relative to the current twenty year plan.

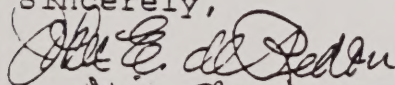
Over the years these gardens have served many residents of the community in many ways and have offered residents both old and young the opportunity to meet together and share a common love, namely gardening. A rarity in this city.

As stated, these gardens have improved 1000% over the past year and will continue to do so. As East Berkeley St. is somewhat of a "gateway" to the South End, the improved gardens present a handsome "monument" if you will to the image of the South End.

Both on local as well as national television these gardens have been featured, also, the garden committee has received an award by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

We beg of you to take these factors into consideration and allow these gardens to remain permanent.

Sincerely,



Diane Choueiri
John E. de Redon, President
Diane Choueiri, Vice-President
Rolf Fuessler, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: City Councillor James Kelly; Jule Stone - Boston Urban Gardeners;
James Kostaras, BRA; Mayor Raymond Flynn; Berkeley Gardens - Committ

288 SHAWMUT AVENUE • BOSTON, MA 02118

482-1787/262-3964



CASTLE SQUARE TENANTS ORGANIZATION INC.

December 12, 1990

Steven Coyle, Director
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

I am writing to you regarding the Berkley Community Gardens located across from Castle Square Development.

CSTO joins other organizations such as Ellis Neighborhood, Shawmut Ave Neighborhood Association, 8 Streets officers in support for the preservation of 100% open space for the Berkely Community Garden.

Sincerely,

Deborah Backus

Deborah Backus, Co-Chair

cc: Berkely Community Gardens
Tom O'Malley